GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
POWER
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ELECTRIFICATION OF VILLAGES
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Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages electrified in the country so far;

(b) the total quantity of electricity consumed in these villages; and

(c) the other steps taken to improve the position of electrification in villages?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA)

(a) : 507216 villages have been reported to be electrified by the end of September, 2000 as against 5,87,258 inhabited villages in the country as per 1991 census.

(b) : Specific information regarding total quantity of electricity consumed in these villages is not available.

(c) : The steps taken to improve the position of electrification in villages include funding of programmes of village electrification and pump set energisation by the Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) with support from the Government of India. In addition, REC is financing investments in the areas of System Improvement and Small Generation. State Electricity Boards are being assisted by the REC to look at the entire rural distribution system in a designated geographical area in an integrated manner so as to identify the existing inadequacies and draw up a plan for their removal in a time bound manner by way of realigning and strengthening the LT distribution network and installation of energy meters, wherever required.